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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The amendment filed on 1/06/06 amending all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Amended claim 22 and new claims 30-37 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: because Applicant's election, filed on 9/03/02, without traverse Group VIII, (claims 23 and 28) drawn to a method for enhancing cell-cell adhesion in a suitable tissue, comprising an antibody. While the amended/new claims, filed on 1/6/06, are drawn to a method of inhibiting polycystin-1 mediated cell-cell adhesion in a tissue using an antibody. These methods are mutually exclusive in that they reach opposing endpoints, and in that they employ distinct core structures agonists or antagonists to accomplish these mutually exclusive endpoints. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 22 and new claims 30-37 would be withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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